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GREETING FROM COUNCILMEMBER GIL CEDILLO

Friends,

This was our first week back in Council. It was great to see all of my colleagues again. In Council we approved a motion to accept foundation money to fund a position in the Mayor's Immigrant Affairs Department to conduct AB60 education. We also stood up for the unaccompanied minors that are immigrating to the US from Central America by hosting a press conference and introducing a resolution in Council today.

The field is gearing up for our First Annual Latin Jazz & Music Festival. The lineup is looking great. I am so excited for this event. We also helped beautify Mt. Washington Elementary, cleaned up Arapahoe Street, conducted homeless outreach at MacArthur Park and started a pedestrian safety program with seniors from St. Barnabas.

We have a few important meetings to invite you to, and the formal grand opening of our District Office the Friday before the Jazz Festival.

Gilbert A. Cedillo
Councilmember, District 1

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CCF Grant to Conduct AB60 Education



(Photo Credit: LA Times)

On Tuesday the City Council approved a motion by Councilmember Cedillo to authorize the Mayor to accept a grant from the California Community Foundation to provide community education and outreach for AB60 drivers' licenses through the Office of Immigrant Affairs.

Read the motion [here](#).

Child Immigration Resolution and Press Conference



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

On Thursday, Councilmembers Cedillo, O'Farrell and Price joined CARECEN and the Clinica Oscar A. Romero for a press conference at MacArthur Park to announce the introduction of a resolution in support of unaccompanied minor immigrating to the United States. In recent months an unprecedented number of children have fled their home countries in Central America to seek refuge in the United States. Data collected by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shows that since October 2013, approximately 51,017 Central America children have fled from their home countries into the United States. It is estimated the number of children entering the United States during the 2014 fiscal year will exceed 90,000.

Today, Councilmember Cedillo introduced a resolution co-sponsored by O'Farrell/Price /Martinez that:

(1)Urges the Obama administration and the Department of Home Land Security to ensure the humane treatment of the thousands of minors being detained and to extend the necessary level of protections including humanitarian relief, advocacy, legal support, expeditious reunification of minors with their families and consideration of their status as refugees; and

(2)Oppose any changes and/or modifications to the 2008 William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act.

FIELD UPDATE

Friends of Mt. Washington Elementary Beautification Day



(Photo Credit: Sylvia Robledo)

On Sunday, Friends of Mt. Washington Elementary School kicked off their Beautification Day with students, parents and the community. Parents and residents helped Mother Nature by placing plants in much needed areas. Students created beautiful craft projects and signs for the new garden.

Deputy Sylvia Robledo worked a booth representing CD1 while answering constituent questions and promoted our 'Keep It Clean' campaign giving away reusable bags and information on 311 for bulky item pickups.

Congratulations to the organization for a fun and successful event and special kudos go out to Delores Del Rio for organizing the event.

Superior Market Facade Remodel Update



(Photo Credit: Gerald Gubatan)

The Superior façade remodel is done. Stop by the Highland Park Superior Market to enjoy the new landscaping and physical design. This remodel is helping us make the First District #1!

Arapahoe Street Clean Up



(Photo Credit: Ana Gomez)

On Saturday, Arapahoe Street residents joined our office in a clean-up that took place with the support of Koreatown Youth and Community Service Center (KYCC) and their youth program. KYCC helped trim small trees and shrubs that had been blocking pedestrian access on the street. Residents helped clear out weeds and other plants. Together they worked to beautify the community of Pico Union. We send huge thank you to participants and KYCC for making the clean-up possible.

Let's 'Keep It Clean.'

Homeless Outreach Returns to MacArthur Park



(Photo Credit: Ana Gomez)

The Westlake Coalition is a taskforce comprised of residents, and organizations, city and county departments providing health services, mental health services, shelter and meals to homeless individuals in the Westlake community. The organizations and departments have long worked in the area, but were brought together through our council office to target and address the needs of MacArthur Park. Working **in** conjunction they are coordinating services in and around the park through outreach events that will be taking place monthly from May through September 2014.

Partners in this coalition have committed to participate in an initiative of 5 months that involves monthly outreach events where organizations are able to make direct contact and build relationships with the homeless population in and around MacArthur Park. The ultimately goal of these events is not only to build trust, and relationships, but to help create a profile of the needs in this community to guide future work.

On Wednesday, the second of these coordinated outreach events took place. Health, mental health, and substance abuse help were offered by the Department of Mental Health, Pacific Clinics and Sunrise Community Counseling Center. Free HIV testing was provided by Aids Healthcare foundation, Hygiene kits, shelter and cupcakes were provided by Good Shepherd and The Village Kitchen. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority provided motel vouchers, transportation and connected individuals to services as did the Department of Social Services. Breakfast and Volunteers was coordinated by the Rediscover MacArthur Park Alliance Para Los Niños and local residents and sponsored by Sunrise Community Counseling Center and Aids Health Care Foundation.

In just a couple of hours LAHSA made contact with more than 50 homeless individuals while about half of that population made contact with the Department of Mental Health. 13 people

agreed to be tested for HIV, 4 agreed to receive mental health services and go into shelter.

Members of the coalition include Los Angeles Homeless Services Coalition, Department of Social Services, Department of Health Services, Department of Recreation and Parks, Los Angeles Police Department, Aids Healthcare Foundation, Sunrise Recovery Center, Pacific Clinics, Good Shepherd, Rediscover MacArthur Park Alliance, Royal Palms, Para Los Niños and Central City Neighborhood Partners.

Honoring Mt. Washington Mail Deliverer



(Photo Credit: Sylvia Robledo)

Mt. Washington mail deliverer John Ayala received a certificate of commendation from Councilmember Cedillo, presented by Deputy Sylvia Robledo, at the Mt. Washington Association's Annual Summer Fun Day. Residents, along with their four legged family members, came out to honor John Ayala for his dedicated service and commitment to serving the Mt. Washington community with integrity, passion and warmth.

Congratulations John!

Pedestrian Safety Campaign with St. Barnabas



(Photo Credit: Ana Gomez)

For the month of July Council District 1 has been working with the AGENTS of change at St. Barnabas on a pedestrian safety campaign with a focus on creating and expanding access to MacArthur Park. In the first two weeks more than 50 sidewalk assessments were collected. That will continue until the end of the campaign on August 15th. In order to celebrate and share the accomplishments of these senior residents in CD1 we are having a pedestrian walk with participants and Councilmember Cedillo on August 7th at 10:30 am. We will be meeting at St. Barbanas located at 675 S Carondelet St, Los Angeles, CA 90057.

Good work seniors.

NEWS UPDATE

AllenCo Update



(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

In previous newsletters we shared with you environmental concerns with CD1 based AllenCo. This week, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reached a settlement with AllenCo Energy, Inc., requiring the company to pay \$99,000 for violations of federal environmental laws. The penalty is in addition to the ongoing work identified in an April 2014 consent agreement with EPA.

EPA's November 2013 inspection, prompted by community complaints regarding emissions coming from the facility, found that AllenCo was in violation of the "General Duty Clause" of the Clean Air Act because it failed to maintain a safe facility by not taking steps necessary to prevent accidental releases of hazardous substances. EPA also found that AllenCo was in violation of the Clean Water Act, which requires onshore oil production facilities that may discharge oils into waterways to prepare and implement a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan. In addition, EPA's investigation found that AllenCo failed to submit chemical inventory forms for the hazardous substances stored at the facility as required by the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

AllenCo is a small oil production facility located in a residential neighborhood of South Los Angeles, approximately two miles from the University of Southern California. The facility voluntarily shut down operations in late November 2013. As part of a consent agreement with EPA in April 2014, AllenCo will continue to make changes and improvements at the facility and must certify with the Agency that the work is completed at least 15 days prior to re-opening the facility. In addition to today's penalty, AllenCo estimates that it will spend approximately \$700,000 for improvements at the facility, which will include the actions required by EPA's order. Details of the April 2014 consent agreement can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/enforcement/inspections/>.

Thank you EPA for protecting our residents!

Sunset Visioning Meeting

The Sunset Blvd. corridor between Downtown and Dodger Stadium is an important gateway into our neighborhoods. Its revitalization, with the conversion of a longstanding vacant former office building into lofts and a proposed mixed-use development at the former "Do-It-Yourself" Center property, is underway. To add to these efforts, the City has commenced streetscape improvements along Sunset Blvd. by planting trees, installing trash receptacles and repairing broken sidewalks.

In order to provide input on shaping a "vision" for this corridor (between Beaudry Avenue and Elysian Park Drive in Council District 1), you are invited to a community forum:

**Sunset Blvd. Visioning Forum
Saturday, August 2, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Old Fire Station No.6
534 Edgeware Road
Los Angeles, CA 90026**

Topics will include the community plan, the neighborhood's historic and cultural significance, economic revitalization and future visioning. For more information, please contact Gerald Gubatan at (213) 473-7001.

District Office Grand Opening



(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

On Friday, August 22nd, join Councilmember Gil Cedillo from 5:30-8:30pm to celebrate the opening of his Highland Park field office, located at 5577 N. Figueroa, Los Angeles 90042.

There will be food and live entertainment to celebrate the First District. If you have any questions, contact Conrado Terrazas at (323) 550-1538.

Cedillo's 1st Annual Latin Jazz & Music Festival



UPCOMING EVENTS



Music LA Summer Session Culminating Recital

Friday, August 8th, 2014

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Lincoln Heights Junior Arts Center

2911 Altura Street

Los Angeles, CA 90031



Avenue 50 Studio

Summer Breeze Garden Party

Sunday, August 17th, 2014

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
131 N Avenue 50
Los Angeles, CA 90042

Chinatown Summer Nights

Second Saturdays
June/July/August
5:00 PM - 12:00 AM
943 N. Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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